Congressman J. Randy Forbes

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Forbes designates staffer to serve as disaster assistance liaison

Washington, DC – Congressman J. Randy Forbes (VA-04) has designated staffer Phil Infantino to serve as the disaster assistance liaison for Virginia's Fourth Congressional District.

"It is important to be prepared in the event of a natural disaster, as opposed to reacting when severe weather occurs," Forbes said. "I have designated Phil to answer questions and provide assistance on how to prepare or what to do if threatening weather does indeed occur."

In preparation for Hurricane Isabel expected to reach the east coast later this week, Infantino has already begun working directly with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Infantino is available to share information from FEMA, and other government agencies, on how local residents can prepare for potential severe rain and flooding, how to keep your family safe, where command centers will be located, and if necessary, what evacuation steps should be taken.

"We don't want to alarm residents, but it is important to be ready in the event that Hurricane Isabel does hit regions of Virginia," Forbes said. "Natural disasters cannot be prevented, but by taking the necessary precautions we can help to ensure the safety of our families and loved ones."

Phil Infantino may be contacted by calling (757) 382-0080. Fourth District residents may also contact Forbes' Washington Office at (202) 225-6365.

For additional information on the impending hurricane and disaster assistance, please visit Forbes' website: www.house.gov/forbes

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